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GERMANY'S NOTE HAS NOT REACHED PRESIDENT WILSON

Reports From European Points Declare It Has Been Dispatched.

HINTED U-BOAT WARFARE WILL NOT BE HALTED

Demands of Armistice on Land and Sea Must Be | DELIEVE LOAN HAS GONE Agreed To.

AUSTRIA'S OFFER IS REFUSED

Chief Executive Sends Short Note Treasury Department Officials, How-Which Makes It Clear as to What Monarchy Must Do.

WASHINGTON, October 19 .- Gerany's note in answer to President Wilson's demands, which must be met y the central powers before peace an be considered, has not yet reached Washington. When it will arrive is mystery, since reports from European enters conflict. A message received y press associations late to-night from Basel, Switzerland, says that the conents of the note will be published o-morrow. Another message received formorrow. Another message received from Amsterdam says that the answer is already on its way to Washington. According to an announcement in the Koelnische Zeitung, whose Berlin correspondent is considered unusually well informed, the answer was dispatched to-night. This newspaper also makes the further statement that the note is conclusiony in its tone but bow to a peace which will destroy her future." The paper further says: "Germany is ready for peace of right, but not for a peace by might."

Another message received from Amsterdam sources declares that the submarine warfare cannot cease until an armistice has teen agreed upon on land and sea. This is said to be specifically mentioned in the answer. Further hints of the forthcoming note are to the effect that Germany will deny the crueities in occupied territory as alleged by President Wilson in his last note. The note, it is said, will "not reject." President Wilson's demands, but on the contrary will assert that "further negotiations are possible."

According to riessages from Amster-According to ruessages from Amsterdam, quoting the Germania, Germany's reply to President Wilson will most strongly protest against the accusations of cruelty and will suggest that it would not be a bad idea to propose an investigation of those cruelties. The German reply, the paper adds further, will justify the U-boat warfare as a reprisal against the

day's business, were anno blockade.

From Paris late to-night came a message which declared that, in view of the postponement of the Reichstag session, the German answer to President Wilson will be made public to-morrow. This message also declares that an apparently reliable forecast is that the note will express Germany's willingness to accept all of President Wilson terms; that it will claim German reforms are already under way "as far as possible," and that it will instance the evacuation of the Lille district as a showing that wanton destruction by the army has ceased. Public opinion in France, however, remains unmoved by predictions of fresh German concessions and insists upon demanding committee. al against the enemy's starvation upled territories, as well as military

occupied territories, as well as military guarantees.

Messages reaching Copenhagen tocay declare that German newspapers voiced considerable optimism regarding the forthcoming reply to President Wilson. The Socialists, it is said, made a
strong attempt to force a discussion in
the Reichstag on the ground that the
Parliament's approval alone would not
convince the world that the German
people, and not a certain ruling clique,
were speaking. were speaking.

In the meantime, Washington officialdom is marking time, awaiting the arrival of the note. Few of the Congressmen and Senators are expressing se

PRESIDENT SENDS HIS

ANSWER TO AUSTRIANS

One of the significant moves during the day was the rejection by President Wilson of Austria's peace offer. The note is well on its way to Vienna, and in effect says that there can be no talk of peace with the Austro-Hungarian government, except upon the basis of complete liberty for Czecho-Slovaks and other subject nationalities as free remembers of the family of nations. He refuses to entertain the Austro-Hungarian suggestion for this reason without discussing the military questions dealt with in the reply to Germany.

The Vienna government asked for negotiations on the basis of the President's announced program of peace, mentioning the speech of January 8 last, in which the President said the accorded the freest opportunity for autonomous development. The reply says this is impossible: that the czecho-Slovak national council has been recognized as a de facto belligerent government, the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jungo Slavs has been recognized and more autonomy no longer can be accepted. This declaration, which may be farreaching in its effect upon Austria-Hungary, where long enslaved peoples apparently are nearly ready to sweep away the hated dual monarchy and the Hapsburg dynasty, clears up what some critics of the President's policy have pointed to as a source of endless controversy in his program of peace, it comes one day after the proclamation of Emperor Charles, federalizing the Austrian states, in a desperate effort to save his government at home and at the same time prepare the way on of Editarian states, in a desperate the Austrian states, in a desperate fort to save his government at home and at the same time prepare the way ugh not mentioned by name, the Though not mentioned by name, the Poles, Roumanians and members of other distinct races held under Austrian domination come within the projection of the people of the self-determination to which America and the files are committed. The Austrian roles want to join an independent roland; the Austrian Roumanians long for reunion with Roumania, and there is no doubt here that their hopes will be fulfilled when the peace conference is held.

The reply to Austria was made by secretary Lansing yesterday through the Swedish minister in Washington. It calls attention to the tenth condition of peace enunciated by President Wilson on January 8, which says the people of Austria-Hungary should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development.

AMERICA HAS ALREADY

Branch Extends Thanks to Liberty Loan Workers

The following statement was issued last night by John Kerr Branch, chairman of the Richmond Liberty loan committee:

Liberty loan committee:

"Richmond went over the top in the fourth Liberty toan campaign—just like Richmond. Her quota was \$19.836,800, and her sailes were \$27,003,600. Every citizen should feel proud of our city's response to our country's call.

"Conveying grateful appreciation to every man, woman and child who participated in the loan, particularly to those rendering personal assistance to the fourth Liberty loan committee, I am,

"Yours very sincerely,

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"Chairman,"

OVER SIX-BILLION MARK

ever, Refuse to Give Any Estimate Until Reports Arrive.

Indications Are Number of Individual Subscribers Will Far Exceed 20,000,000 and Break All Records for Distribution.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Oversubscription of the fourth Liberty loan seemed assured to-night, when the three weeks' campaign closed.

How far the total will run above the \$6,000,000,000 goal officials would not attempt to estimate to-night. It all depends, they said, on whether big financial interests at the last moment die the big lump sum subscriptions expected of them and whether the number of smaller subscriptions by individuals is found to meet expectations.

New subscriptions entered during the last day and those made effective by payment of the 10 per cent installment probably will amount to \$1,500,000,000 for the entire nation, it was said. Before business opened this morning, 34,599,719,450 had been reported to Federal Reserve Bank at 4 o'clock yesterday and places yet to be heard from, the Commonwealth had subscribed \$56,005,-\$50.

This is an excess of \$4,025,850 over the allotment of \$63,980,000, and indications are that this subscription will be increased to between \$16,009,000 and \$15,000,000 when complete reports are compiled.

Incomplete reports from State chairmen and banks received at Fifth District headquarters up until 10 o'clock last night amounted to \$271,872,100.

West Virginia and North Carolina being the only States not oversubscribed. These reports show the district to be short of its quota of \$280,000,000 by \$31,126,900.

With many banks yet to be heard trom and the fact that neither West Virginia nor the District of Columbia reported the first powersubscribed. Indicating this belief, George J. Seay, chairman of the Fifth District, sent the fill had been reported to Federal Reserve Banks.

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Minneapolis	210,009,009	211,759,00
Boston	500,000,000	459,127,050
Richmond	280,000,000	215,081,000
New York	1,500,600,000	1,375,231,000
Dallas	126,000,000	96,000,000
Cleveland	600,000,000	429,675,100
Chicago	870,000,000	617,554,550
Kansas City	250,000,000	153,944,850
Philadelphia	560,000,600	549,721,670
San Francisco	402,000,000	279,985,259
Atlanta	192,600,000	104,364,900

Hureau of Labor Statisticians Give Fig-ures, Showing Increases in Several Periods. (By Arsociated Press.)

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Retail prices of food increased 4 per cent from September 15; 14 per cent from September 15; 15 per cent from September 15; 16 per

RECOGNIZED CZECHO-SLOVAKS
The note calls attention to the recognition by the United States of the Czecho-Slovak mational council as a (Continued on Page One, Part Three)

The Nearest Times-Dispatch Want Adjum may telephone. If it is not convenient for you to bring or send your Want Ad you may telephone it for insertion by calling Randolph 1.

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LOAN GOAL PASSED INFLUENZA SPREAD BELGIANS OUTFLANK BY STATE AND CITY UNABATED IN FURY

Richmond More Than \$7,000,000 Claims Twenty-Eight More in Above Quota-Virginia First to Go Over.

City-252 New Cases Are Reported.

DISTRICT LOOKS TO BE SAFE SOUTHWEST IS HIT HARD

Early Reports Indicate That All Questionnaire Sent Out by State of Five Units Have Taken Allotment.

allotment of \$19,836,800.

Board of Health Shows Conditions Bad.

Richmond sailed under the wire at Spanish influenza, rampant here for the close of the fourth Liberty loan several weeks, continues its raging way campaign last night, with bond sales with unabated hunger. It claimed amounting to \$27,003,600, recording an twenty-eight of thirty-four deaths in oversubscription of more than 36 per Richmond yesterday, and placed 252 cent, of \$7,166,800 above the required new names on the list of the afflicted. It is but a matter of time, however, More than \$300,000, not included in according to Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, the official figures, was reported late Chief Realth Officer of the city last night by workers, and indications Richmond, until the stalking giant will are that Richmond's subscription will have passed entirely out of this city.

BILLION IN SMALL LOANS

BIGGING ARE Number of Individual Subscribers Will Far Exceed 20,000,000 and Break All Records for Distribution.

Feach at least \$27,500,600.

Virginia was the first State in the post over the top, Chairman £. L. Bemiss sending a message to George J. Seay, of the Federal Reserve Bank, at 4 o'clock yesterday and places yet to be heard from, the Commonwealth had subscribed \$68,005.

Records for Distribution.

In view of the fact that so many of the cases reported within the last few days have been old ones the doctors in the case of the cases reported within the last few days have been old ones the doctors are gradually becoming fewer. The new cases are thought to be diminishing faster than the deaths, due to the many cases with serious admixtures of pneumonia, resulting from the streptococcus germ.

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, telephoned yesterday afternoon that e combined quota for Petersburg and inwiddle County, amounting to \$2.-So far as Southwest Virginia is con-Dinwiddie County, amounting to \$2., 523,500, had been oversubscribed by \$600,000, not including Saturday's sales. Richland County and the city of Columbia, in South Carolina, have oversubscribed, as has Greenville County. A partial list of figures of Virginia counties having passed their quotas follows:

So far as Southwest Virginia is concerned, there is no disguising the fact that the situation is such as to give the health authorities serious concern. Indeed, this section appears to be the worst afflicted of any part of the State.

DR. HRUMFIELD REPORTS CONDITIONS BAD IN LEE Dinwiddle County, amounting to \$2.-\$23,500, had been oversubscribed by \$600,000, not including Saturday's sales. Richland County and the city of Columbia, in South Carolina, have oversubscribed, as has Greenville

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Mrs. W. W. Morton, president of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association, of 920 West Franklin Street, receives the report of the nurses each morning concerning those to whom soup must be sent. The list continues to be long, but Mrs. Morton and her (Continued on Eighth Page)

SHOWS BIG DECREASE FOR CONTROL OF CONGRESS Reports From Army Camps Disclose National Campaign Will Be the Shortest in History of Amer-

Eight Hundred Square Miles Recovered

WASHINGTON, October 19 .- Eight

hundred square miles have been re-

From Prussians During Past Four Days

1,408 Less Cases Than Any Recent Date.

SPANISH INFLUENZA

ported Among Troops During the Past Week-South, Middle West and Pacific Coast Afflicted.

(By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Spanish nfluenza as an epidemic is subsiding country, but among the civilian population generally the peak has not yet

Conditions in Eastern States, where the disease first appeared, showed im-South, the Middle West and Pacific Coast were not optimistic.

New cases of influenza in army camps as reported to the office of surgeongeneral of the army to-day showed a decrease of 1,402. Pneumonia cases decreased 298 from yesterday, and the number of deaths was 185 less than yesterday, numbering 472.

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Since the beginning of the epidemic, cases reported from camps total 283,-331, with 14,153 deaths. Camp McClellan, Ala., with 344 new cases, led in the number of new cases to-day.

The epidemic was reflected in the weekly army health report issued to-day, showing that during the week ending October 11 the death rate among troops in this country was 206,4 a 1,000, an increase of 150 per 1,000 over the preceding week. Of the 6,266 deaths reported during the week, practically all resulted from pneumonia and influenza.

at CONGRESS REACHES DECISION set

Final Announcement of Agreement Being Reached Loudly Cheered by Members.

agreement between leaders of the House and Senate both houses of Con-October 29 and continuing until No-vember 12. Final announcement of October 29 and continuing until November 12. Final announcement of the agreement was made in the House to-day by Majority Leader Kitchin and the announcement was greated with applause as the great majority of the members are anxious to get to their homes for the closing days of the campaign. so far as actual work is concerned, the recess of the House is already in effect as no business will be transacted between now and the day set for the joint recess. Every three days until October 29th, the House will be called so order and will at once adjourn without transacting any business.

INFLUENZA CURES MEN OF THE CIGARETTE HABIT

Tobacco Taste Is Killed by Disease, Declare Physicians in West Chester, Pa.

WEST CHESTER, October 19.—
Young men who have been cigarette smokers, and who have been attacked by influenza, declare that the attacks have relieved them of the taste for to-bacco in any form. One of them declared that he is unable to remain in a room where there are smokers, and that he can no longer enjoy a chew of tobacco. Physicians are also remarking the fact that a majority of the young men who are recovering have lost their craving for smoking or chewing, and say it is an unexplained feature of the after effects of the disease.

TROLLEY WRECKS HEARSE

Injures Undertaker and Driver at Entrance to Wilmington Cemetery.

WILMINGTON, DEL., October 19.— Slippery rails were held responsible for a collision between a trolley car and a hearse which contained the body of Mrs. Madeline Chestnut, of 407 Tatnall Street, and that of her Infant early today. The driver of the hearse, Richard Campbell, sustained fractures of both legs, and Undertaker William F. Lynn's legs were injured, both men being thrown from the hearse. The accident occurred just as the hearse was entering the Cathedral Cemetery. The caskets were thrown into the street and broken open, but the crew was not injured.

The second secon

heights and the Chemin-des-Dames and the Champagne as far as the Hunding line, relinquishing 800 square miles in the sector in four days. This developed a sharp sailent in their line at the St. Quentin at the fork of rivers near that point. Attacks by British and French forces south of Le Cateau on Thursday forced the enemy back from his positions on the east bank of the Selee, adding to the danger of an advance on Aulnoye and the Olse-Serre sailent longer and narrower, and the enemy gave up all attempts to hold and retired to the northeast. "From Le Cateau northward the British have reached, but have not yet attempted to cross, the German defense line, which there follows the east bank of the Selle River up to the Sensee marshes. "The drive in Fignders, renewed with vigur by Belgiau, French and British troops on Monday, spread rapidly radially toward Bruges, Ghent and Turcoing at an increasingly rapid rate and forced the enemy to evacuate Ostend and Zeebrugge and to draw back from the dangerous sailent around Lille and Dounl. This retirement is still in active progress. British troops are reported to have reached the frontier of Holland opposite Bruges. "In the east the Serbians, since the reoccupation of Nish, have advanced in both directions along the Constantinople railway and now hold it for a distance of about seventy-five miles. They are advancing northward toward Belgrade." WASHINGTON, October 19.—Eight hundred square miles have been recovered from the German army in France within the short period of four days by the Americana fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French, necording to a statement made to-day by General March, chief of staff. This is the most extensive area yet announced as the prize of the policy of General Foch. General March repeated again to-day that the French commander-inchief is continuing his pressure upon the enemy at all points, giving him no rest whatever. Announcement was also made that the retirement of the Germans from the Oise, near La Fere, leaves the entire Hindenburg line in our hands, and General March recorded a report that British troops have reached the frontier of Holland, opposite Bruges. In a general review of the military situation, General March pointed out on the military maps that while on Saturday last the Germans were retreating on a sixty-mile front, they are now going back on a front of 250 miles, making desperate restatante of fifteen miles. Describing in detail the operations on the various fronts. General March Describing in detail the operations on the various fronts, General March said: "While our American army is fighting its way across the Kriemhilde line on the wooded hills between the Argonne and the Meuse, despite a strong concentration of enemy divisions, the enemy has retreated rapidly from the St. Gobsin TO BEGIN BATTLE MONDAY

ican Politics.

14,153 DIE IN CANTONMENTS TO CHOOSE ENTIRE HOUSE

More Than Six Thousand Deaths Re- Thirty-Seven United States Senators Are Also to Be Elected, With Exciting Contests in Half-Dozen or More States.

> WASHINGTON, October 19 .- The period of "adjourned politics" in the nation has elapsed. With the completion of the fourth Liberty loan the political struggle for the control of Congress will begin in earnest on Monday. The national campaign will be the shortest in the history of American politics. Only two weeks of actual campaigning remain before election day, when the national campaign will be the shortest stitute doubtful territory.

In the House the actual party strength is divided as follows: Democrats, 214; Republicans, 210; independents, 7.

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ORRESS REACHES DECISION ON ITS PLAN FOR RECESS

Inal Announcement of Agreement Being Reached Loudy Cheered by Members.

WASHINGTON October 18.—By greement between leaders of the ouse and Senate both houses of Concess will declare a recess beginning closer 29 and continuing until Nombers and continuing until Nombers are concededly doubtful. There are fifty-two Democratic Sen-

cratic vote to at least forty-seven. This leaves as concededly doubtful, from the Democratic viewpoint, nine States, as follows: Delaware, Idaho, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wyoming.
Both Senators Borah, Republican, and Both Senators Borah, Republican, and Nugent, Democratic, are candidates for re-election in Idaho, and in view of the peculiar political conditions in that State, it is considered as likely that both will be returned. In this event the Democrats would have a total of forty-gight votes.

the Democrats would have a total of forty-eight votes, and, in case of a tie, the vote of Vice-President Marshall would give them a majority. No definite predictions are being made by the leaders of either party, but both claim they will control the House.

Will II. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who has established general headquarters in New. York, will spend most of his time in Washington in co-operation with the heads of the congressional committees of the House and Senate. Associated with Vice-Chairman Cummings in the active management of the Democratic campaign will be Senator Gerry, of Rhode Island, and Representative Scott Forris, of Oklahoma. Rhode Island, and Parris, of Oklahoma,

NOVEL PLAN OF WORSHIP

Pastor Will Hold Service Alone, With Members Attending Only in Spirit.

FASTON, PA., October 19.—Rev. W. H. Mader, pastor of St. Peter's Reformed Church, Easton, has hit upon a novel plan for the members of his congregation to hold worship to-morrow. The church bell will ring at the regular time and Rev. Mader will take his place at the altar and pursue the regular order of worship. The bell will then be tolled three times to announce that the services have been concluded. The congregation will be supposed to follow, at their own home, the order of worship. of worship.

BUY MANY BONDS

North Carolina People Take Million More Than Government Called For, [By Associated Press.]

[By Associated Press.]

RALEIGH, N. C., October 19.—Reports to State Chairman Joseph G. Brown to-night indicated that North Carolina has exceeded its allotment of the fourth Liberty loan by more than \$1,000,000. North Carolina's allotment was \$39,900,000, and reports are that the State has subscribed \$41,000,000, with indications that it may be greatly increased with final reports.

SIX THOUSAND HUNS REPORTED CU NEAR DUTCH BORDER

British Drive Against Germans Retreating From Lille Pocket.

ALLIED TROOPS THREATEN IMPORTANT RAILWAY LINE

Coast of Belgium Unofficially Reported Clear of Enemy.

Anglo - French - American Porces Widen Wedge South of Valenciennes.

LONDON, October 19 .- British troops have entered Denain, a German base of great strategic importance only six miles from Valenciennes, the British Office announced to-night. If Ludendorff thought he could take

his armies out of Belgium and Northern France in a sort of goose-step pingpong parade, according to plan and at his own time, the developments of the last twenty-four hours have dealt born a severe shock.

What is going on in Beigium now in not a "retreat," but a flight, in the truest sense of the word.

BRUGES-ZEEBRUGGE LINE
REACHED BY IMPARTANT

REACHED BY INFANTAL

King Albert's cavalry, together with French hersemen, are dashing after the Teutons with an elan that would exight the soul of Sir Edmund Allenby in far-distant Palestine, who is somewhat of a cavalry general himself. Early to-day the main infantry forces of the allied northern wing reached the Bruges-Zeebrugge line. Lete this afternoon Belgian cavalry columns bobbed up in Ertvelde, twenty-two miles west of Bruges.

About the same time other detechments reached Sleydings, a little less than five miles northwest of Ghent. Both these towns are uncolumnated by the search of the columns of the columns of the columns of the columns of the columns. The columns of the colum

remain before election day, when the entire membership of the House of Representatives and thirty-seven United States Senators are to be chosen. While the political battle field will thus cover the entire country, chief interest centers in the senatorial contests which will be waged in half a dozen or more States conceded by both parties to constitute doubtful territory. since the start of the war. The Germans never did get through gloating over the British and Belgian troops when the same fate befell them four years ago. To-night King Albert's mounted men are driving a great German army out of their homeland faster by far than the German cologide rolled down the valiant resistance of Belgium's little army in 1914. GHENT IS REPORTED

ABOUT TO PAY Ghent itself is reported near its fall. The allies are moving on the big rail base, the last the Germans have west of the Antwerp-Brussels line, from three directions astride as many rail-

Between Courtral and Deyns the Between Courtral and Deyns the British are well across the Lys, and are driving southeastward to catch the German forces drawing from the Lille pocket. And against the apex of that pocket the Americans and British are throwing themselves with irresistible force, compelling withdrawal after withdrawal—not as fast and wide as in the north, but withdrawals nevertheless. Sharp as the fighting is, at inless. Sharp as the fighting is, at in-tervals the allied advance all along the line is almost a parade. In precision and co-ordination of effort it surpasses anything recorded in military anything recorded in military history.
To-day they took Chereng and Vred.
Chereng lies five and one-half miles east of Lille; Vred lies six miles east

ZEEBRUGGE AND BRUGES OCCUPIED BY BELGIANS HAVRE. October 19.—"We have eccupied Zeebrugge and Bruges and crossed the Bruges-Ghent Canal the Belgian War Office announced to-night. We also have made progress toward Aeltre." (Aeltre is ten miles north west of Ghent.)

ALLIED ARMIES REACH FRONTIER OF HOLLAND [By Associated Press.] PARIS, October 19.—The allied armied have reached the Dutch frontier.

BRUGES REPORTED CLEAR OF ENERS CLEAR OF ENERTY

(By Associated Press.]

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM, October 19:

Bruges was reported late this even ing to have been cleared of the enemy. The Belgians are pressing on beyond the city, closing the neck of the bottle reaching to the North Sea, but the bulk of the Germans undoubtedly have escaped from the coast.

The progress elsewhere includes the capture of Templeuve, a mile from the Escault River, northwest of Tournain the snarp fighting here the British are driving the Germans faster than they want to go.

North of the Escault the villages of Bouchin, Reulx and Abscon have been captured and the advanced troops have fought their way into the western outeskirts of Denain along the Reulx Denain railway.

Saulsoir has been captured and 760

skirts of Denain along the Reulx-Denain rallway.
Saulsoir has been captured and 760 civilians liberated. Douchy also has been captured and 6,000 civilians rescued after hard fighting. Bezeul, easi of la Cateau, has been cleared of the enemy after hard fighting from house to house and in the streets, and the Germans have been driven east of the town.

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Fine Lynnhaven and Cherrystone oysters. HOTEL RUEGER,—Adv.